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METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the [of] removing of portions of the first and second interlayer dielectric layers comprises:

forming a photosensitive film pattern on the second interlayer dielectric layer, the photosensitive film pattern defining an opening therein having widths, in two orthogonal X and Y directions, that are greater than the critical dimension of and the width of the gap in the conductive line, respectively, and

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